


<p>U. S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE</p> <p><b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b></p>		<p>ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER MC102P</p> <p>U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) <b>10/586381</b></p>
<p>INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/CA2005/000083</p>	<p>INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE January 25, 2005</p>	<p>PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED January 27, 2004</p>
<p><b>TITLE OF INVENTION</b> NITRIC OXIDE RELEASING PRODRUGS OF DIARYL-2-(5H)-FURANONES AS CYCLOOXYGENASE-2 INHIBITORS</p> <p><b>APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US</b> CLAUDE DUFRESNE, CARL BERTHELETTE, LIANHAI LI, DANIEL GUAY, MICHEL GALLANT, PATRICK LACOMBE, RENEE ASPIOTIS, ZHAOYIN WANG AND CLAUDIO F. STURINO</p>		
<p><b>Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li>2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li>3. <input type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures [35 U.S.C. 371(f)]. The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.</li> <li>4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (PCT Article 31).</li> <li>5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)]             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).</li> </ol> </li> <li>6. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)].             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> </ol> </li> <li>7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)].             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.</li> <li>d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</li> </ol> </li> <li>8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)].</li> <li>9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)].</li> <li>10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)].</li> </ol> <p><b>Items 11 to 20 below concern other document(s) or information included:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.</li> <li>12. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</li> <li>13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment.</li> <li>14. <input type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.</li> <li>15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</li> <li>16. <input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.</li> <li>17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with 37 CFR 1.825.</li> <li>18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> <li>19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application.</li> <li>20. <input type="checkbox"/> Other items or information:</li> </ol>		

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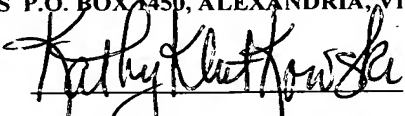
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